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Château La Calisse named Wine Estate & Wine of the Year 2026

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Château La Calisse, the wine estate based in Pontevès in Provence and represented by its owner Patricia Ortelli, has been named Wine Estate & Wine of the Year 2026 at the European Hotel Awards.

The distinction reflects the specific philosophy adopted by the European Hotel Awards for this category. It is not conceived as a conventional wine competition, a blind tasting, a numerical ranking or a comparative assessment of individual vintages. Instead, the recognition considers the estate as a whole: its history, founding philosophy, the personality and journey of the owner, the vision behind the property, the work undertaken over time, the technical choices, investment, continuity and coherence that shape its identity.

A wine considered as the expression of an estate

Within this approach, the wine is not separated from the place, the people and the philosophy that produce it. It is considered as the expression and culmination of a broader project - the visible result of choices made in the vineyard, in the cellar and in the long-term development of the estate.

This perspective is closely aligned with the wider European Hotel Awards philosophy, which applies a qualitative, holistic and editorial approach to its distinctions. Just as a hotel is considered through its identity, leadership, service culture, coherence and guest experience rather than through an automated score, a wine estate is approached through the consistency of its vision and the way that vision is translated into its wines.

The logic behind Wine Estate & Wine of the Year 2026

The European Hotel Awards deliberately do not position this distinction within the field of oenological competitions, annual tasting panels or professional scoring systems. The award does not seek to replace the work of sommeliers, oenologists, specialist critics or wine competitions, whose methods and objectives are different.

Wine Estate & Wine of the Year 2026 is instead an editorial recognition of an estate whose identity, continuity and overall approach correspond to the values the European Hotel Awards seek to highlight: vision, character, commitment, know-how and the ability to create a coherent experience over time.

For Château La Calisse, the distinction therefore recognises the estate and its wine together, as two inseparable dimensions of the same philosophy. Under the ownership of Patricia Ortelli, Château La Calisse enters the 2026 European Hotel Awards as a French wine estate recognised not through a single score or isolated vintage, but through the consistency of the project it represents.

CHÂTEAU LA CALISSE Wine Estate & Wine of the Year 2026 Represented by Patricia Ortelli - Owner Pontevès, France

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